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Pattern retrieving method, pattern retrieval apparatus, computer-readable storage medium storing pattern retrieval program, pattern retrieval system, and pattern retrieval program

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